demands from Gujarat for the enhancement of Small Scale Industries Limits from Rs. 35 Lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Investment limit for SSI units have already been raised from Rs. 35 lakhs to Rs. 60 Lakhs/Rs. 75 lakhs/Rs. 75 lakhs for Small Scale, ancillary and exporting small scale units respectively vide Gazette Notification dated 2.4.91. From Gujarat State, representations from following four organisations:

1) Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Ahmedabad.

2) The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Surat.

3) Federation of small Scale Industries, Vadodara.

4) Gujarat Dyestuffs Manufactures' Association, Ahmedabad.

Suggesting increase in investment limit were received prior to increase in investment limit on 2.4.91.

Assessment of New Industrial Policy

1062. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the industrial development since the announcement of the new industrial policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new industries which have come up after the announcement of the new industrial policy;

(d) the amount invested in new industries till date; and

(e) the number of new jobs created by these new industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY 9PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (e). Following the announcement of the new Industrial Policy Package on 24th July, 1991, a total of 2077 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda for the setting up of industrial units which no longer require licensing, have been filed upto end of October, 1991 with the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals. During the same period, 194 foreign technology agreements have been approved. Generally, a lead time of around three years is needed before the fruition of any investment in the industrial sector. Therefore, it is too early to indicate the impact of the new Industrial Policy in terms of units set up and jobs created.

Grants to Voluntary Organisation of West Bengal

1063. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of voluntary organisations in the district of Howrah in West Bengal which have received grants or financial assistance from the Ministry of Rural Development for welfare activities in each of the last three year;

(b) the amount received by each of them during the above period, year-wise;

(c) which of them have been submitting their accounts and reports to the Government regularly; and

(d) th extent to which they succeeded in their mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The function of providing assistance to voluntary agencies has been entrusted to Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART). The information about organisations and assistance given is as per below:

Year	*Number of Voluntary Organisations provided Assistance*	*Amount of Assistance Provided* (*Rs. in Lakhs*)
1988-89	8	19.33
1989-90	23	53.53
1990-91	9	30.74

(c) CAPART ensures that accounts and progress reports are submitted by the organisations. Since, some organisations are located in remote area it taken time for them to get their accounts audited and therefore there have been some delays. In case of non submission of accounts or progress reports even on the spot monitoring or projects and utilisation of funds is done by appointing an outside monitor out of panel of monitors or by deputing CAPART Officer.

(d) The voluntary organisations based in Hawrah district of West Bengal by and large succeeded well in implementing the programme and no serious irregularities have been found on the basis of monitoring reports, progress reports and accounts.

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Criteria for Setting up of Food Processing Industries

1064. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the Government for the setting up food processing industries in the States; and

(b) the names of the places where food processing industries are proposed to be set up by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As per the new industrial policy announced on 24th July, 1991 no industrial licence is required for setting up food processing industry except for industries for been and potable alcohol and for those projects which do not satisfy the locational parameters or the proposed item of manufacture is reserved for the small scale sector/public sector. For setting up of Food Processing Industries therefore a memorandum is required to be filled with the Deptt. of Industrial Development in this regard, as per the press notes issued by the said Department. Automatic approval for foreign collaboration agreements are also given for investment in industries included in Annexure III of the Press Note No. 10 issued by S.T.A.